

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 9/2/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for psychiatric evaluation of hospital records – 90825 And preparation of report – 90889 denied for lack of preauthorization, preparation of report – 90889 denied as global, psychological testing – 90830 denied as global, biofeedback - 90904, 90906 and 90915 denied as global. These services were delivered from 1/10/03 through 4/9/03.

II. RATIONALE

The preauthorization letter of 3/27/03 confirmed that the respondent preauthorized three hours of behavioral health testing and one session of biofeedback up to 4 modalities.

The psychiatric evaluation of hospital records – 90825 and preparation of report – 90889 dated 1/10/03 was denied by the respondent for lack of preauthorization. The requestor considers these services an intake interview and therefore does not require preauthorization.

Rule 134.600 (b)(1) states, “The insurance carrier is liable for all reasonable and necessary medical costs relating to the health care required to treat a compensable injury... when...

- (B) preauthorization of any health care listed in subsection (h) of this section was approved prior to providing the health care;”

Rule 134.600 (h) states, health care requiring preauthorization includes...(i)

- (4) all psychological testing and psychotherapy, repeat interviews, and biofeedback; except when any service is part of a preauthorized or exempt rehabilitation program;

The report of 1/10/03 from the requestor states, “Provisional Diagnosis: ... Adjustment Disorder due to Medical Condition with Anxious Features... AXIS IV: 3 – moderate GAF: Current 58... Determining a diagnosis and assigning numbers to GAF and Psychosocial stressor scale score indicate, “psychological testing” and therefore requires preauthorization. For this reason, reimbursement is not recommended for the psychiatric evaluation of hospital records – 90825 and preparation of report – 90889 dated 1/10/03.

The biofeedback modalities were denied as global to one modality (90900). As the respondent preauthorized up to 4 modalities prior to the delivery of the service, reimbursement is recommended for biofeedback - 90904, 90906 and 90915 which reflect the other three modalities.

The psychological testing 90830 and report preparation 90889 of 4/4/03 were preauthorized by the respondent on 3/27/03. The services were limited to three hours. The requestor billed three hours of testing and 2 hours of report preparation. The report preparation is necessary to providing the service. As these services were preauthorized, reimbursement is recommended.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for 90830, 90889, 90904, 90906 and 90915 in the amount of **\$850.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$850.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 12th day of January 2004.

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